

Listing of Claims

1.(CURRENTLY AMENDED) A dryer, ~~in particular a dryer to dry linen and the like, with~~ a drying drum, drive means to rotate the drying drum, means to create an air flow, ~~more in particular a hot air flow~~ and air conduction means to lead the air flow through the drying drum, ~~wherein the~~ the dryer further comprising:

air conduction means ~~have been thus conceived~~ that are configured so that the air flow is mainly forced to enter the drying drum from an inlet, before being discharged via an outlet, ~~whereby this air thereby is also;~~

the air being forced to enter the drying drum via one or more air passage openings which are located at in the cylindrical casing part of the drying drum ~~and/or at one axial end of the drying drum, but near the outer circumference thereof.~~

2.(CURRENTLY AMENDED) The dryer according to claim 1, wherein the ~~above-mentioned~~ air conduction means contain air passage openings in the drying drum to bring the air in the drying drum, and wherein all the air passage openings to bring the air in the drying drum are located at in the cylindrical casing part of the drying drum.

3.(CURRENTLY AMENDED) The dryer according to claim 1, wherein the air conduction means contain air passage openings in the drying drum to bring the air in the drying drum, and wherein all the air passage openings to bring the air in the drying drum are mainly located in one ~~and the same~~ half of the drying drum.

4.(CURRENTLY AMENDED)The dryer according to claim 1, wherein the air passage openings that are located at the cylindrical casing part of the drying drum are located in one zone ~~which stretches near one end of the drying drum~~ formed as a band around the cylindrical casing part.

5.(CURRENTLY AMENDED) The dryer according to claim 4, wherein all the air passage openings to bring air in the drying drum are mainly located in the ~~above-mentioned~~ band-like zone.

6.(ORIGINAL) The dryer according to claim 3, wherein the air passage openings to supply the air are located in the rear half of the drying drum.

7.(CURRENTLY AMENDED) The dryer according to claim 1, wherein the air conduction means ~~contain~~include at least one air inlet channel to lead the air to the drying drum, ~~as well as~~and at least one air outlet channel to discharge the air from the drying drum, ~~whereby on the one hand the air inlet channel and the air outlet channel are between themselves thus~~being arranged ~~and on the other hand the drying drum is thus provided with air passage openings,~~ such that the air flow is in general forced to move from one end of the drying drum to the other end.

8.(CURRENTLY AMENDED) The dryer according to claim 1, wherein the air conduction means contain one or more air passage openings to discharge the air from the drying

drum, which are located ~~at~~in the cylindrical casing part of the drying drum ~~and/or at one axial end of the drying drum.~~

9.(CURRENTLY AMENDED) The dryer according to claim 8, ~~wherein the air conduction means contain air passage openings in the drying drum to discharge the air from the drying drum, and wherein all the air passage openings to discharge air from the drying drum are located at~~ in the cylindrical casing part of the drying drum.

10.(CURRENTLY AMENDED) The dryer according to claim 8, ~~wherein the air conduction means contain air passage openings in the drying drum to discharge the air from the drying drum, and wherein all the air passage openings to discharge the air from the drying drum are mainly located in one~~ ~~and the same~~ half of the drying drum.

11.(CURRENTLY AMENDED)The dryer according to claim 8, wherein the air passage openings to discharge the air which are located at the cylindrical casing part of the drying drum, are located in a zone ~~which stretches near one end of the drying drum~~ formed as a band around the cylindrical casing part.

12.(CURRENTLY AMENDED) The dryer according to claim 11, wherein all the air passage openings to discharge the air from the drying drum are located in the ~~above-~~mentioned band-like zone.

13.(CURRENTLY AMENDED)The dryer according to claim 1, wherein the air conduction means ~~mainly contain~~includes one air inlet channel to supply the air to the drying drum, ~~as well as mainly~~and one air outlet channel to discharge the air from the drying drum, whereby ~~these connect to the drying drum, so that they~~the air inlet and outlet channels are configured to have one or more of the following characteristics:

that, seen in a side view of the drying drum, they are mainly located diagonally opposite one another;

that the air inlet channel leads to the upper half of the drying drum, while the air outlet channel connects to the bottom half of the drying drum;

that seen from a view frontal to the drying drum, they are located ~~according to a slanting direction~~ diagonally to one another.

14.(CURRENTLY AMENDED) A dryer, ~~in particular a dryer to dry linen and the like,~~ with a drying drum, drive means to rotate the drying drum, means to create an air flow, ~~in particular a hot air flow,~~ and air conduction means to lead the air flow through the drying drum, wherein the drying drum is being provided with two sets of air passage openings, ~~respectively~~ including a first set to supply the air and a second set to discharge the air, ~~which are each~~ set of air passage openings located near one end of the drying drum in the cylindrical casing part and ~~which each stretching~~ like a band around the cylindrical casing part, whereby ~~the part of the cylindrical casing part in~~ between the ~~above-mentioned~~ two sets is being generally closed.

15. (NEW) A dryer with a drying drum, drive means to rotate the drying drum, means to create an air flow, and air conduction means to lead the air flow through the drying drum, the dryer further comprising:

air conduction means that are configured so that the air flow is mainly forced to enter the drying drum from an inlet, before being discharged via an outlet;

the air being forced to enter the drying drum via one or more air passage openings which are located at one axial end of the drying drum, near the outer circumference thereof.

16. (NEW) The dryer according to claim 15, wherein the air conduction means contain air passage openings in the drying drum to bring the air in the drying drum, and wherein all the air passage openings to bring the air in the drying drum are located in the cylindrical casing part of the drying drum.

17. (NEW) The dryer according to claim 15, wherein the air conduction means include at least one air inlet channel to lead the air to the drying drum, and at least one air outlet channel to discharge the air from the drying drum, the air inlet channel and the air outlet channel being arranged such that the air flow is in general forced to move from one end of the drying drum to the other end.

18. (NEW) The dryer according to claim 15, wherein the air conduction means contain one or more air passage openings to discharge the air from the drying drum, which are located in the cylindrical casing part of the drying drum.

19. (NEW) The dryer according to claim 15, wherein the air conduction means contain one or more air passage openings to discharge the air from the drying drum, which are located at one axial end of the drying drum.